

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 19, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of "unique text structure", to replace "utlising" with --utilizing--, and to specify that the database stores the digital ink in a plurality of formats with each format being different than the other formats, the processing system has a plurality of digital ink searching algorithms with each searching algorithm being different than the other searching algorithms and being specialized for searching digital ink of a respective one of the different formats in the database, the input digital ink has a specialized format, the specialized format of the input digital ink is determined in the processing system, the digital ink searching algorithm within the processing system which is specialized to search digital ink of the specialized format in the database is selected, and the digital ink of the specialized format stored in the database is searched utilizing the selected digital ink searching algorithm;

dependent claims 2-16 are unchanged;

independent claim 17 is amended similar to claim 1; and

dependent claims 18-23 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application as the amended features are described, for example, at page 11, line 9-page 12, line 6 and page 14, line 8-page 17, line 11 of the present specification.

### ***Regarding Claim Objections***

The Examiner is respectfully reminded that Examiner's should not object to the specification and/or claims in patent applications merely because British English spellings are used, see MPEP §608.01.

However, in order to provide consistency in spelling used in the claims, claims 1 and 17 have been amended to replace "utlising" with --utilizing--.

### ***Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections***

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 17, and claims 2-16 and 18-23, is not disclosed or suggested by Lopresti, because in each of the embodiments disclosed by Lopresti the same partial match search procedure is used regardless of the particular format of the input annotations (see col. 7, line 23-col. 8, line 65 and Fig. 9), not different, specialised searching algorithms for different digital ink formats as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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